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SUBJECT: SAUDI AND IRAN FN AID TO PAKISTAN

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 10296, (B) ISLAMABAD 11365

1. THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON THE IRANIAN AND SAUDI AMBASSADORS MORNING OF NOVEMBER 21 AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DISCUSSED BILATERAL AID TO PAKISTAN.
2. THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT PAKISTAN COULD NOT PAY THE FIRST DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT OF \$50 MILLION ON THE 570 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN FROM IRAN AND THAT RESCHEDULING OF THIS PAYMENT HAD BEEN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT NO FORMAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED AND THAT THE TERMS AND EXTENT OF RESCHEDULING HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.
3. THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR SAID THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR FURTHER AID TO PAKISTAN, OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY PROGRAMMED INCLUDING 300 MILLION DOLLARS OF PROJECT ASSISTANCE. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE GOP HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE INDUS HIGHWAY AND WONDERED IF THIS WOULD NOT MEAN THE

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LOSS OF THIS PORTION OF THE SAUDI AID PACKAGE. THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT GHULAM ISHAQ DID NOT LIKE THE PROJECT BUT THAT, FOR DEFENSE REASONS, GENERAL CHISTI WAS STILL IN FAVOR OF GOING AHEAD. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PROJECT WAS STILL UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT WITHOUT THE INDUS HIGHWAY THAT PORTION OF THE SAUDI AID WOULD NOT

BE FORTHCOMING.

4. AS REPORTED IN REF B, SECRETARY GENERAL KAZI TOLD THE AMBASSADORS OF THE CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES ON NOV 17 THAT THE INDUS HIGHWAY WOULD BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. THIS WAS ALSO STATED IN THE GOP PLANNING COMMISSION'S MEMORANDUM FOR THE PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM. HUMMEL

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